



TJAG Special Announcement

A Message from The Judge Advocate General



Announcement of Selection of Major General Stuart W. Risch as the 41st Judge Advocate General

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I am pleased to announce that Major General (MG) Stuart W. Risch has been nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate for appointment as The Judge Advocate General of the Army, in the grade of Lieutenant General. He will have the honor to serve as the 41st Judge Advocate General of the United States Army.

For the past 33 years, MG Risch has served our Corps, Army and nation with distinction in the most complex, challenging and consequential legal and leadership positions within our Regiment. He has advised commanders and mentored subordinates at every level of command and in diverse operational environments, earning a reputation as an officer of extraordinary intellect, unassailable integrity, and renowned care for his subordinates. Prior to his outstanding performance and leadership as Deputy Judge Advocate General for the past four years, MG Risch served in each of our Corps' active duty one-star positions: Commander, USALSA; Commander, Legal Center and School; and Assistant Judge Advocate General for Military Law and Operations. He led with distinction three times as a Staff Judge Advocate (SJA)—first as the SJA for the 1st Infantry Division in Wurzburg, Germany and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM in Tikrit, Iraq, then as the SJA for the U.S. Army Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill, and finally as the SJA for III Corps and Fort Hood, deploying with the Corps to Baghdad, Iraq in OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM/NEW DAWN. He has also served as Legislative Counsel at the Army Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison, Deputy Director for the Center for Law and Military Operations, and the Deputy SJA for the 4th Infantry Division. As a captain, MG Risch deployed with the 1st Cavalry Division to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Iraq in support of OPERATION DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM.

MG Risch's unparalleled leadership and legal experience have already earned him the complete trust and confidence of the Army's senior leaders. A model Servant Leader, he has earned the admiration and respect of those privileged to have served with him. As I prepare to transition responsibilities to MG Risch, I do so confident in his Stewardship of the bright future of our Corps and our Army, knowing that each of you will continue to benefit from his extraordinary leadership.

Please join me in congratulating MG Risch, his wife, Cindy, and their three children and seven grandchildren as they continue to serve the Judge Advocate General's Corps, the Army and the Nation.

Charles N. Pede
Lieutenant General, USA
The Judge Advocate General